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Utah Insurance Commissioner Appoints Deputy & Assistant Commissioner

Insurance Commissioner, Neal T. Gooch has appointed a deputy and an assistant insurance commissioner. Since his appointment as acting commissioner and then commissioner in 2010 Commissioner Gooch has been performing his duties without the support of a deputy or assistant insurance commissioner. In August he appointed Brett J. Barratt as Deputy Commissioner and in September Tanji A. Northrup was appointed Assistant Commissioner.

Mr. Barratt is new to the department but not to Utah. He was born and raised in Salt Lake and graduated from Westminster College. He earned a law degree from Michigan State University College of Law, joined the Nevada Bar Association, and then a law firm in Las Vegas. In 2005 he started work for the Nevada Insurance Department as counsel and hearing officer. Proving himself to be a capable and knowledgeable leader Brett was made chief insurance assistant to the commissioner in 2009. When Nevada Insurance Commissioner Scott J. Kipper resigned Brett was appointed acting commissioner then commissioner.

Ms. Northrup has been a member of the Utah Insurance Department since December of 1994. She has worked as a health insurance analyst, a rate and form analyst, and director of the Health Division. She too graduated from Westminster College with a Bachelor's degree in Business. She and her husband Robert reside in Salt Lake and are the parents of two daughters.